Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Rs. 5,01,171—0—0.

(*b*) Rs. 12,00,000—0—0.

(*c*) 7,89,706—11—9.

(*d*) Not yet received.

LICENSE FEES—ENHANCEMENT OF—TATTAMANGALAM MUNICIPALITY

307. **Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Tattamangalam Municipality had enhanced the licence fees in 1121;

(*b*) if so, what are the reasons for enhancing the fees;

(*c*) what are the rates of license fees under various heads in the years 1119, 1120 and those proposed for 1121;

(*d*) how do they compare with the rates in the Chittur Municipality;

(*e*) what are the reasons for disparity, if any;

(*f*) have the Government received a petition from the Local Merchants Association protesting againt the enhancement of the License fees;

(*g*) if so, what action has been taken on it?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The expenses under Public Works and Supervision of the Municipality rose very high due to war conditions and the Council thought it expedient to augment its resources by imposing higher license fees on the merchant population who were making large profits.

(*c*) and (*d*) Copies of the Gazette Notifications in respect of license fees for 1119, 1120 and 1121 of the Tattamangalam as well as Chittur Municipalities are placed on the Council table.

(*e*) The poor financial resources of the Tattamangalam Municipality.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) After full consideration of the subject, Government decided not to overrule the Council's decision.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEES

1. Standing Finance Committee

Mr. President: For the election of a member to the Standing Finance Committee nomination of Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon alone has been received and therefore he has been duly elected to that Committee.

2. Advisory Committee for Education

Mr. President: For the election of a member to the Advisory Committee for Education nomination of Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan alone has been received and therefore he has been duly elected to that Committee.

3. Advisory Committee for Medicine and Public Health

4. Central Committee for Feed the Children Fund

Mr. President: For the election of a member to the Advisory Committee on Medicine and Public Health nomination of the following members have been received.

1. Mr. P. T. Jacob
2. Mr. P. K. Dewer

For the election of three members to the Central Committee for Food the Children Fund nominations of the following members have been received.

1. Mr. Jos. K. Verghese
2. ,, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan
3. Mr. K. S. Panicker
4. ,, P. K. Paul

Elections to the last two committees, *viz.*, Advisory Committee on Medicine and Public Health and Central Committee for Feed the Children Fund will be held by the Chief Secretary to Government at 5 p.m.

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